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REBUTEL DECEMBER 10, 1976, AND YOUR TELETYPE DECEMBER 14, 1976.

OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MRS. BETTY RAY BRASHEAR MAY HAVE AS TO THE SPECIFIC LOCATION OF JIMMY WAYNE RAY IN NEW ORLEANS AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD TO HAVE JIMMY WAYNE RAY INTERVIEWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN REBUTEL.

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NOTE: This is the Civil Rights assassination investigation of Martin Luther King, who was killed on 4/4/68 in Memphis, Tennessee. James Earl Ray pled guilty to this murder and presently is in local confinement.

[redacted] has made allegations that while incarcerated with Simponis in 1966-1967, he wrote letters to James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, for Simponis and Simponis told [redacted] to go to Memphis when he got out and contact Ray to pull off a big job. [redacted] states he never went. From investigation conducted to date, it appears the only time Simponis and [redacted] were incarcerated together at Salt Lake County Jail was from either 1/29/68 to 3/2/68 or from 2/13/68 to 3/2/68. Prison records reflect one Jimmie W. Ray of Memphis, Tennessee, was on correspondence list of Simponis in 1968.

By Butel 12/10/76, Memphis instructed to locate and interview Jimmie W. Ray. By teletype 12/14/76, Memphis advised Mrs. Betty Ray Brashear advised her brother, Jimmy Wayne Ray, previously resided at address listed on correspondence list. Memphis discontinued investigation and this instructs Memphis to have Jimmy Wayne Ray interviewed.